

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** approximately half of all Americans are involved in some form of stepfamily relationship; and

**WHEREAS,** stepfamilies across our state and nation are committed to raising their children and creating strong family structures that support the individual members and instill in them a sense of responsibility to each other; and

**WHEREAS,** the Palmetto State is blessed with many loving stepparents and stepchildren who provide daily reminders of the joys, challenges, and triumphs of stepfamilies and the bond of love between parents and children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2005, as

### STEPFAMILY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive contributions stepfamilies make to enriching the lives and life experiences of children and parents and to strengthening our communities.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**